

NOTICE OF SPECIAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

of the qualified electors of the participating towns of Charlestown, Hopkinton and Richmond, joined together as the Chariho Regional School District.

To be held at

CHARIHO REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

on Switch Road in the Town of Richmond

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2005

at 7:00 P.M.

To the respective Town Sergeants and Constables, or any of them in the Towns of Charlestown, Hopkinton and Richmond.

Greetings:

You are hereby required to call and warn all electors of the respective towns of Charlestown, Hopkinton and Richmond, who are voters qualified in their respective towns to vote at the financial town meeting next preceding this Chariho Regional School District meeting and also those voters who are certified by the Board of Canvassers in

their respective towns as qualified to vote in their respective towns on any proposition for the imposition of a tax or for the expenditure of money, to assemble in the Chariho Regional School District Meeting of the participating towns of Charlestown, Hopkinton and Richmond to be held at Chariho Regional Middle School Gymnasium on Switch Road in the Town of Richmond on Thursday, the fifth day of May A. D. 2005 at seven (7:00) o'clock Post Meridiem time pursuant to the provisions of an Act passed at the January session A. D. 1986 of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations entitled "An Act in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 55 of the Public Laws, 1958, entitled 'An Act authorizing the Towns of Charlestown and Richmond together, or together with the Town of Hopkinton, to join in a Regional High School District, incorporating said Regional High School District and providing for the issuance of Bonds, Construction and Operation of a Regional High School for the joint use of the participating towns, within said Regional High School District established by this Act as amended'", as amended, for the purpose of considering and acting upon the following propositions:

I. To consider and to vote upon an amendment to the annual school district budget approved by the voters on March 1, 2005 to increase the overall amount of said March 1, 2005 budget by Five Hundred Seventy-eight Thousand Three Hundred Six Dollars (\$578,306). This recommended budget amendment has been prepared and approved, and is submitted, by the Regional School Committee of Chariho

Regional School District, and, if such amendment is approved by a majority of the voters at said meeting, the overall annual budget for the 2005-2006 year will be increased to the amount of Forty-six Million Thirty-seven Thousand Thirty-six dollars (\$46,037,036), which overall amount includes the Middle School Roof Repair in the amount of \$148,000, with the member towns' contribution being Forty-four Million One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$44,114,415).

II. (Voter-initiated Petition) To consider and to vote upon an increase to the annual Chariho school budget by adding Eight Hundred Six Thousand Dollars (\$806,000) to the amount funded at the March 1, 2005 District Financial Meeting, which amount will be used to restore items cut from the original budget proposal, and which amount will be in addition to any other amounts which may be restored to the budget if Proposition I, as proposed by the Chariho Regional School Committee, is approved by a majority vote.

(Note: If Proposition I is approved and Proposition II is defeated by a majority vote at the meeting, then Proposition III will be presented for consideration and vote. If Proposition I and Proposition II are approved by a majority vote at the meeting, there will be no need to act on Proposition III.)

III. (Voter-initiated Petition) In the event that Proposition II, above, is

not approved by a majority vote at the meeting, to consider and to vote upon an increase to the annual Chariho school budget by adding Three Hundred Forty-four Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-four Dollars (\$344,364) to the amount funded at the March 1, 2005 District Financial Meeting, which amount will be used to restore the following items cut from the original budget proposal: Library Books - \$8,624; Full-day Kindergarten - \$119,500; Teaching Assistants for Full-day Kindergarten - \$40,967; Professional Development - \$20,000; Workbooks - \$7,355; Elementary Assistant Principals - \$56,284; Classroom and other supplies - \$68,314; Fitness Center - \$4,320; NEASC Accreditation Visit - \$19,000, and which amount will be in addition to any other amounts which may be restored to the budget by a majority vote.

By authorization and directions of Said Act hereinbefore quoted. Witness the hands of the Clerk of the Chariho Regional School District and Chairperson of the Chariho Regional School District Committee affixed hereto this 26th day of April, 2005.

**Donna J. Sieczkiewicz
Clerk**

Stephanie Brown

Chairperson

PLEASE NOTE: Individuals requesting special accommodations must call 364-7575 forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting date.